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SUBJ: GOU REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING
EARLY INTERVENTIONPROGRAM

REF: MVD A-121

1. SUMMARY: THE GOU HAS REQUESTED SHORT-TERM (WEEK TO 10 DAYS) ASSISTANCE OF A U.S. EXPERT TO HELP PLAN A SCHOOL-BASED EARLY INTERVENTIONPROGRAM. COST WOULD BE MINIMAL, POSSIBILITY HAD BEEN FORESEEN IN THE NCAP AND IMPACT COULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN CONVINCING GOU THAT U.S. IS INTERESTED IN HELPING OTHERS AS WELL AS IN STOPPING ILLICIT TRAFFIC TO THE U.S. ALSO, GIVEN URUGUAY'S CONCERTED EFFORTS ALONG LINES OF OUR NCAP OBJECTIVES IN LAST TWO YEARS AND ITS COOPERATION IN ENFORCMENT, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES A POSTIVE RESPONSE IS CALLED FOR AND SO RECOMMENDS.

2. THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM INDICATED OUR EXPECTATION THAT THE GOU WOULD ESTABLISH A FAMILY AND SCHOOL-BASED EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM LATE IN FY75 AND EARLY FY76. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH AN INTERVENTION PROGRAM, HOPEFULLY IN TIME TO HAVE INITIAL PHASES, WHICH IS TO REACH HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY AGE STUDENTS, IN OPERATION WHEN NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OPENS
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IN MARCH 1975.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED IF THE USG HAS SOMEONE

WITH EXPERIENCE IN SETTING UP SUCH A PROGRAM WHOM IT (USG) COULD SEND TO MONTEVIDEO IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY TO MEET WITH URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES. THE MINISTRY HAS IN MIND A WEEK TO TEN DAYS OF SESSIONS WITH SOME 20 EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS TO FORMULATE A PROGRAM. ALSO SOUGHT ARE FILMS AND/OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND RESOURCE MATERIALS WHICH MIGHT BE ADAPTED FOR USE HERE.

4. OUR NCAP DID NOT REQUEST SPECIFIC FUNDING FOR SUCH A PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IT DID STATE THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WAS LIKELY AND THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST THE GOU ONCE PLANS WERE DEVELOPED. IT TURNS OUT THAT THE GOU NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING A PROGRAM. AS STATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES THE EMBASSY REALIZES THAT ITS BUSINESS IS NOT DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION IN URUGUAY. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOU HAS, SINCE THE INCEPTION OF OUR NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PROGRAM, TAKEN ONE IMPORTANT STEP AFTER ANOTHER, BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, TO MEET OUR PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND HAS COOPERATED FULLY IN OUR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AS WELL. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE MINIMUM EXPENSE WHICH WOULD BE INCURRED (ONE ROUND TRIP AND A FEW DAYS TDY) IN MEETING THIS REQUEST WOULD PROVIDE A PROGRAM OF INTRINSIC WORTH AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY TO US, DEMONSTRATE THAT THE USG IS INTERESTED NOT ONLY IN INTERCEPTING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC TO THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO IN ASSISTING A COUNTRY WHICH WANTS TO MINIMIZE DRUG ABUSE AMONG ITS OWN YOUNG PEOPLE. THEREFORE, A POSITIVE RESPONSE IS URGED.
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